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LOK SABHA

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KOLLAM SENGOTTAI METRE GAUGE(MG) LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are aware of the poor progress of conversion work of Kollam-Sengottai metre gauge (MG) line which was started in the year 1998;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Railways to expedite the completion of the project ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): The gauge conversion of Kollam (Quilon)-Sengottai metre gauge line is a part of Quilon-Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur and Tenkasi-Virudhunagar gauge conversion project (357 Kms). On this project, gauge conversion of 130 Kms section has already been completed and gauge conversion of 106 Kms length, covering Quilon-Punalur (45 kms) & Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur (61 Kms), is targeted for completion during 2007-08. The Punalur-Sengottai (49 Kms) is a Ghat section where final location survey has been completed and detailed estimate is under process. No target has been fixed for completion of gauge conversion of this section.